



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: WDFW SIMILKAMEEN - CHOPAKA ROAD, PARKING LOT, ACCESS AND TRAILS

Description of Proposal:

WDFW proposes to improve the access road from Chopaka road to a new 9 car graveled parking area adjacent to the oxbow pond. The parking will include 1 stall for ADA accessibility. From this site a short ADA trail (200 feet) will lead to a new viewing blind overlooking the pond. From the other side of the parking area a short access path to the pond will be constructed for launching small boats. The new parking will have a two rail wood fence and reader board installed. The 10 acre site will be cleared of weeds and debris, chemical fallowed and seeded to a native grass mix. 4.5 miles of trails will be cleared of debris, mowed and sprayed to remove noxious weeds where needed. Trail markers will be used to identify the route; however no soil disturbance will occur. These trails will mostly follow existing two track field roads.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 14 miles west of Oroville, Washington, Okanogan County; Section 08, Township 40 North, Range 26 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **September 25, 2013**.

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Bob Zeigler

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/> Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Bob Zeigler at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call him at (360) 902-2578.

DATE OF ISSUE: September 10, 2013

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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